

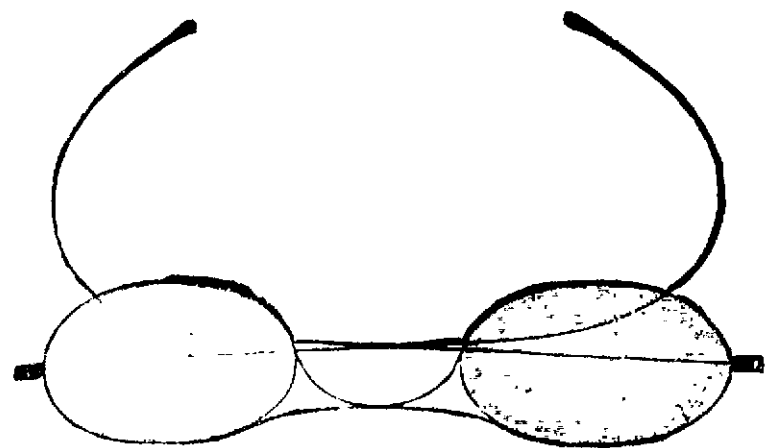








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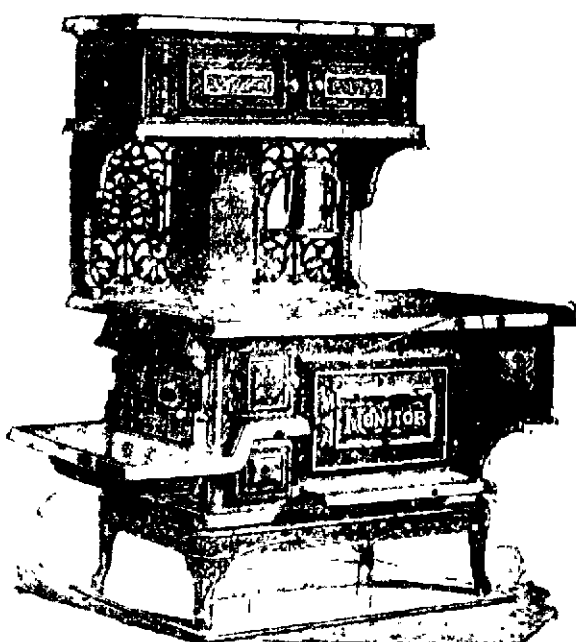
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We will put on sale Thursday morning, April 2d, the most Stylish and Attractive Display of Trimmed and untrimmed Hats and Bonnets for early Spring and Easter trade ever shown in this city. Many New and Exclusive Styles. Prices always the lowest. Inspection solicited.  
**S. G. HATCH & BRO.,**  
March 31-dw1f  
149 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

The Daily Republican.

FRIDAY EVE, APRIL 3, 1896.

LOCAL NEWS.

You will find a very nice and cheap line of Easter Presents now on sale at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's, Convention to-night.

The stumps at Lake Park are about all blown out.

(The Great Hunt in the 631 year of his age.)

Written examinations in the public school today.

This is the night for the Alumni meeting at the high school building.

MAJOR HOWE will do the "French Spy," at the opera house Saturday night.

The wind blows from the north and the temperature is chilly. Ice formed last night. Winter dies hard.

A WRECK from to-night comes Frank Chantrel and his troupe in "Kit, the Arkansas Traveler."

THE Y. M. C. A. book-keeping class will take up double entry to night. It is now time for boys to enter.

THEY are in the second ward are ready for wash day now—empty cisterns have been replenished.

FIVE justices and five constables are to be nominated to-night by the Republican convention. Also other township officers.

A FINE line of preserves and jellies at Montgomery's, North Water street.

A CROCK collection of home made candies will be on sale at the Baptist social to-night, at the residence of James Freeman, on North College street. All are invited.

DEAR, with Peter Ullrich, the live grocer. He sells 20 oranges for a quarter.

THE new board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet in called session to-morrow (Saturday) night.

R. L. PERRY has accepted a position on the Chicago & Alton railway. He was connected with the Washburn as roadmaster many years.

THE new board of directors of the Presbyterian church to-night, and none on Sunday, owing to the absence of Rev. Frost, who was called last night by the death of his brother.

STOP coughing. Take Burks' White Pine Balsam. Best remedy ever known for colds.

A RARE audience witnessed the rendition of "Funchow" last night by the Maude Howe company. To-night the "Marble Heart" drama will be given. "East Lynne" for the matinee to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BURKS' White Pine Balsam prepared by the Burks' Medicine Co., Quincy, Ill., is the best known remedy for colds and coughs.

ALL S. S. teachers are invited to the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening. Next Sunday's lesson will be the subject of the hour's study, to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

STOR at Hanks & Patterson's family grocery store, 147 North Water street, and order supplies. Fresh butter and eggs are specialties.

BURKS' White Pine Balsam strengthens the voice. Invaluable for singers.

PARTIES wanting pure crystal are requested to have orders at Michl's cigar store, or telephone 121.

APR 3-dt T. L. ANTHIM.

CHEAP shoes are sold everywhere, but if you desire Good Shoes, Cheap, try Powers & Haworth.

TELEPHONE Niedermeyer's store, on the Mount, and order the family groceries you want, delivered to any part of the city.

LADIES out shopping should not fail to call and see the handsome display of millinery goods at Mrs. K. Eiselein's.

THIS is the funny man's calendar, according to an unselfish exchange: The joke on the gentle plunger. Now slightly altered as follows: And the last on the new spring bonnet. With heart along till May. And through the long hot summer. Like the curse of a century. Will float the ancient chestnut. Of the old that likes less cream. And the joke of the boy and the apple. Through the autumn winds will sound. But the joke on the wreath of leaves. Lasts the whole year round.

If you want the latest sheet music, get it at C. B. Prescott's store. He is the sole dealer who handles Haines Bros. music.

THIS beautiful floral offering made by the teachers and classes of the High School, at the funeral services of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Connor, it, were photographed by Piper, the artist.

GO to A. L. Beckway for wall paper and G. P. Hart for upholstery.

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The inquiry as to the alleged insanity of Mrs. Annie O. Nicky, aged 28 years, wife of Oliver Nicky, of Oakley township, was held this forenoon, before Judge Greer, in the county court.

The jury were Dr. J. D. Wheeler, David L. Hughes, F. C. Yeager, C. D. Howell, W. B. Robinson and John J. Huff. The People were represented by I. A. Buckingham, and the investigation developed the fact that Mrs. Nicky has a child, and that she has been in a melancholy state for over two years. Her insanity is not hereditary. The jury brought in a verdict finding the accused insane and a fit subject for treatment. While the inquiry was in progress, she sat quietly in a chair in a dream-like state, refusing to speak a word or to recognize anybody. Occasionally she would break out in a silly laugh which continued for some moments, and then she would become silent and rest her head upon her hand, looking intently at the floor. She may be kept at the hospital until arrangements can be perfected to take her to Jacksonville.

Effect of the Act.

The Bloomington Pantagraph prints the following: "Mrs. Monahan, who resides on East Jefferson street, it is stated, on the verge of insanity. While attending the Holy Trinity church yesterday, she became noisy and had to be taken out. The cause of her mental derangement is supposed to be the attempted suicide of her brother, a Mr. Mullen, who resides at Decatur."

To-day the Clay DuPugh property on North Edward street was sold to Alex. K. Cox, of Oerrio Gordo, for \$1200. The sale was effected by Smick & Carter. Mr. Cox will invest more money in Decatur property. Mr. DuPugh will build a new residence on North Edward street.

Vanadium.

One night this week parties unknown set fire to the hedge and board fence, on the south side of Greenwood cemetery, and Sexton Beaulieu was kept at work alone until 3 o'clock in the morning battling with the flames. He had no water handy, and he was compelled to shovel dirt on the fire. In this manner he put out the fire, but not before two panels of the fence and quite a stretch of the hedge had been burned. Efforts will be made to catch the guilty parties.

The Squire's Funeral.

The body of the late Clarence Schirb did not arrive from the west until to-day noon. The body was taken from the train to Greenwood cemetery, accompanied by relatives and friends. Rev. Coulton conducted the services at the grave.

"A Parlor Match."

Monday evening the audience witnessed the first production here of that famous author, Charles Hoyt's latest and most successful to be his funniest play, "A Parlor Match." It will be presented by an excellent company of comedians, headed by Evans & Howe, whose names are familiar to Decatur theatre-goers. "A Parlor Match" is said to be a screaming, hilarious, divertissement which tells an irresistible funny story, introduces a number of new characters never before portrayed on the stage, and sparkles with wit, frolic, music and mirth. The play is a satire on Spiritualism, and from the moment the curtain rises, says an exchange, until it falls amid inextinguishable laughter, "A Parlor Match" jumps with action, rings with merriment and echoes with song. During the two hours of its performance the audience in kept in a whirlwind of laughter. Admission 35 and 60 cents. Reserved seats now on sale at 75 cents each.

TONY BRATH, a compositor in the Republican office, has a good joke on some chicken thief. A robber entered his home last night to steal eggs and chickens. The fellow thought he was getting a fine variety of Bull Coochin eggs, but there was only one in the nest, and it was a porcelain egg. It is gone.

BAPTIST sociable to-night at the residence of James Freeman on North College street. The ladies will welcome all visitors.

TO-day Dick Roberts is engaged in moving the F. M. Pratt dwelling to the rear of the lot, on West Prairie street. Mr. Pratt will put up a new residence on the corner this spring.

TWO of the Powers' running horses are at Lexington, Ky, and three are at New Orleans. They are entered for the Louisville and Memphis races.

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Good Friday and Easter.

To-day is Good Friday and the anniversary of the crucifixion of Christ. It is the darkest day in the Christian year, and the sable draping of altars is a fitting symbol of the church's mourning for the death of her Lord. Yesterday was also a great day for historic Christianity, and is known as Maundy Thursday. The institution of the Lord's supper was commemorated, and the sacramental oil used by the priests sacredly set apart and blessed. The present week, the last of Lent, is the most sacred season in the church annals, being typical throughout of the closing scenes of the Redeemer's life and of his death on the cross. Next Sunday is Easter, typifying the resurrection of Christ, the victory of eternal life over death and human sin and suffering. All in music and art that symbolizes rejoicing is appropriate to the day, which is one of gladness to the devout Christian. The name Easter is derived from "Ostera" or "Eostre," the Teutonic goddess of spring. Easter, which always terminates the season of Lent, was by the council of Nice, in 325 A. D., fixed as the first Sunday after the first full moon which happens upon or next after March 11; and if the full moon fall on Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after. So Easter may come as early as March 22d or as late as April 25th. In every Christian country Easter is celebrated with curious and symbolic customs.

Capt. Barnes Wore.

Mrs. John A. Barnes will leave this afternoon for Pittsburgh, Kansas, in response to a telegram from her husband mentioning of whose injury in a run-away accident was made in these columns on Wednesday. The Captain was outdriving in a buggy with a friend when the horses ran away, and the Captain was thrown out. He struck upon the small of his back and was severely injured. He was believed to sit up in bed the next day, but it is believed that he has grown much worse, or he would not have sent for his wife. The Captain was on a journey through the west in the interest of the Commonwealth life insurance company of this city, of which he has been secretary since its organization.

Excitement at Lincoln.

There is considerable excitement at Lincoln because the Rev. J. G. White, who was assaulted Monday evening while delivering his lecture against the Catholic Church, persists in delivering his lecture at all hazard wherever he can get an audience. There have been several fights between excited parties who have taken sides pro and con. The coal miners are determined "to make it warm" for Mr. White wherever he tries to lecture. A mass meeting was held in the court house last night in the interest of free speech.

"Mr. Bros."

A man yesterday, waiting to borrow money, found his way into Mills Bros. law office. The visitor had read the sign on the window, and he paralyzed Andy when he came in and gravely asked, "Is Mr. Bros. in?" Mr. Bros. was in, but he was so broken up over the inquiry that he could scarcely speak for a few moments, and when he did he sent the party to a regular money lender with a "Co." on the sign.

PERSONAL MENTION.

O. E. Curtis is better to-day.

W. H. Stafford is running a skating rink at Mt. Pleasant.

Geo. P. Miller has gone to Springfield to start a restaurant.

W. H. Shinn, of Sullivan, was at the St. Nicholas to-day.

Aus. Johnson, of New York, formerly with Linn & Scruggs, is in the city.

Sheridan Tupper will appear on the evening of the 11th, Saturday night.

Mrs. Geo. S. Simpson is visiting friends at Taylorville.

Guy Jensen played the flute in the orchestra at the Pense sisters' benefit.

Mason Long, the temperance agitator, was a guest at the New Denim yesterday.

L. H. Haworth, of Cincinnati, and L. B. Casner, of Osnier Station, are in the city.

Sheriff Foster of Sullivan, was in the city last evening. None of our citizens are missing.

Bessie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bailey, was reported at noon to be in a dying condition.

J. Allen Whyte, of Chicago, is in the city. He will probably send a missionary to Decatur to give a Mendocino entertainment.

A. C. Clough, of the Manchester (N. H.) Mirror, is in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. O. Z. Groves. Mr. Clough has been spending the winter in the south and is now on his way East.

Springfield Journal 31: "Geo. Logan will go up to Chicago, to-day, Morrison street, south early this morning, and Speaker House went to Chicago last night to be gone over Sunday."

Death on Gamblers.

At Springfield on night this week the House Judiciary Committee held a protracted meeting which was mainly devoted to the discussion of Shillide's bill making gambling a felony. The bill is somewhat similar to the Missouri and Tennessee laws, and provides that all persons convicted of keeping houses where gambling appliances are used, or allowing persons to use such appliances in gambling, either for or against the dealer, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and sentenced to the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years. Under the present law a third conviction for keeping a gambling house is made a felony, but that feature of it is not often enforced. The discussion in the Judiciary Committee resulted in an agreement to report a bill back with a recommendation that it pass. It is liable to create a great stir among the Chicago gamblers, who have been getting off with very little punishment.

Is Not Singular.

That consumptive should be the least apprehensive of their own condition, while all their friends are urging and beseeching them to be more careful about exposure and overwork. It may well be considered one of the most alarming symptoms of the disease, where the patient is reckless and will not believe that he is in danger. Reader, if you are in this condition, do not neglect the only means of recovery. Avoid exposure and fatigue, be regular in your habits, and use faithfully of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." It has saved thousands who were steadily failing.

Remnants.

Of dress goods in all colors and qualities. Still hundreds of them in various lengths, at about your own prices.

2-45w1 CHAP STORE.

Boxes of tools for brass repousse work, at Morehouse, Wells & Co's. mar24-dt

Sound Over to Court.

There was a rich trial before Justice Curtis last evening. Charles Hartman, a queer sort of a crank, was up for swindling Mrs. Wallace, keeper of a boarding house on East North street, out of \$7.75 he had collected from boarders, and refusing to give it up. At the trial he argued his own case, and made fun of a large crowd of spectators. Mrs. Wallace, who has a way of speaking her own mind quickly, chipped in enough to keep Hartman "red-headed," and several times the justice had to call for "order, order!" Hartman claimed to have been chambermaid and dish washer at the Wallace house, and that Mrs. W. owed him for board and cash advanced. He said he paid \$150 for a load of wood one time, 10 cents for a lamp globe at another and had got credit for 60 cents worth of grub at another. Mrs. Wallace pronounced all of Hartman's statements as false. He has been boarding with Mrs. W. since December last, and had not paid a dollar for grub. He admitted that he had collected the money but had lost it. State's Attorney Van presented the case and giving Hartman lots of rope, the smartly sponges upon or next after March 11; and if the full moon fall on Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after. So Easter may come as early as March 22d or as late as April 25th. In every Christian country Easter is celebrated with curious and symbolic customs.

Niantio News Notes.

S. M. Kizer is in Niantio. George Kitch has bought the Richard Oliver property.

Joe Kitch has returned from Springfield.

A. P. Tarter and wife, Geo. Ford and wife, of Illinois, passed through our city Wednesday evening on their way to attend the Willard-Dyke reception at Harrisburg Wednesday night.

Our township election promises to be something of an exciting nature.

"Two big guns" of the Wabash railway visited our city on Wednesday afternoon. We learn that their visit was with a view to moving the coal company's side track; it now runs on the north side of the shaft and they will change it to the south side if a change is made.

W. O. McGee, who represents the well-known wholesale grocery firm of Bangs & Brown, of Lafayette, Ind., was in our city last Tuesday. Billy is a polite young man and always gets his share of trade with our merchants.

Sutton Bros. have got a new clerk and his name is Wm. J. Patton.

Miss Lou Outlander went to Harrisburg to-day, where she has a class in music.

Jim Hawk and Jim Brown left to-day for "Old Kentucky," where they will engage in the singing machine business.

A party of young people of our city went to Illinois to meet last Sunday night, and as they were loading up to start home the horses became frightened and threw Miss M. Seelig under the wheels. The hind wheels passed over her body. Fortunately Miss Seelig escaped serious injury.

Widow Kizer is trading her fine residence to a coat of paint. Messrs. Hase & Shumman are visiting the brush.

S. W. Oriskany has just received a large invoice of two for binding purposes.

Microbes in the blood produce cholera, kill tissues and the patient gets well. Acidulous poison in the blood produces rheumatism, neuralgia and all forms of gout. Destroy or change these and the disease cures. Athlophores goes directly for this poison. It has no other business on earth. It finds its enemy and destroys it. Then it mission ends. Bishop Bowman gave a bottle of Athlophores to his brother-in-law, at the residence of Rev. Jno. W. Kelly, Indianapolis, Ind. He had been a sufferer, without rest for months. Mr. Kelly writes: "After the fourth dose he slept. When he awoke, he said to his wife, 'I feel like a new man. I have my limbs, and without pain.' He soon got out and about, and is confident of getting entirely well."

Edmundson gives warning. The sole and twitch of to-day may be the pain and inflammation of to-morrow. And then comes the long spell of prostration and loss of time. One dose of Athlophores—a further word—will save you hundreds of dollars and indefinite pain, if taken at the right moment. Keep it on the mantle or in the cupboard. Chandler Williams, Duglough, N. Y., writes: "Please send me six bottles of your Athlophores. I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for over twenty years. I tried Athlophores. I now feel like a new man without pain and without a cane. If there is anything in the world to help rheumatism it is Athlophores."

R. E. F. White, Greenville, N. Y., writes: "I feel it a duty to say a word in favor of Athlophores. Mrs. White had not been able to stand for three weeks, owing to inflammatory rheumatism. She began taking your specific at 6 o'clock on Sunday. I was away at quarterly meeting. When I returned at 2 p. m. she was walking but little pain. She has improved rapidly ever since. We are mutually thankful, and cheerfully acknowledge the great value of your specific."

Card of Thanks.

We extend to our friends our sincerest gratitude for the favors received during the recent illness in the family and their condolence in our final bereavement, the sudden death of our daughter, Lillian.

Mrs. and Miss J. H. COCHRAN.

Attention! Members of the High School Alumni are requested to meet at the High School on Friday evening, April 3d, at 7 o'clock, to elect officers for the coming year.

Wm. J. HOSKELTER, Pres.

DIED.

At Harrisburg, Pa., April 1st, REV. JAMES PIERCE, D. D., pastor of A. B. C. F. M. church of this city.

Rev. Pierce left for Harrisburg last night to attend the funeral.

THERE will be no chorus practice at the College this evening.

Mrs. S. B. OAKES.

E. L. MARTIN wishes to inform the citizens of Decatur that in a few days he will have a full supply of Indianapolis Cokes, which he will continue to handle in future in connection with hard and soft coal. Coke can be used in hard coal stoves, and is in demand by buyers.

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SPECIAL prices this week and next at J. H. Black & Sons.

I have just received a large invoice of lemons and oranges, which I will sell at the following low prices: Lemons, 15c per dozen, and oranges from 15c to 40c per dozen; O. O. Messina, 15c per doz.; Valencia oranges, 20 to 25c per dozen; choice sweet Florida, at from 30c to 40c per dozen. Will sell at these prices for a few days only.

PETER ULICH, 144 E. Main street. mar27-dt

Bad Spreads.

At 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, &c., &c. The best for the money that you ever saw. Big 19. 2-dw1w CHAP STORE.

LINN & SCRUGGS.

New Spring Goods

NOW OFFERING.

DRY GOODS,  
WALL PAPER,  
CURTAINS,  
CARPETS.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN

Black and Colored Silks  
AND FRENCH AND AMERICAN  
DRESS GOODS.

An Attractive Assortment of  
HOSIERY, GLOVES AND CORSETS  
At Very Low Prices.

A Complete Stock of  
SUMMER DRESS GOODS, JERSEYS,  
Spring Wraps, Parasols, Ribbons, Dress Trimmings, Laces and Embroideries, Calicoes, Bleached and Brown Cottons, Table Damasks, Towelings, Sheetings, Shirtings, and Housekeeping Goods of every description.

Velvet, Moquet, Brussels and Ingrain  
CARPETINGS, AND WALL PAPER,  
in the newest designs and colorings, and at  
LOWER Prices than were ever sold.

REMEMBER,  
The Best Goods for the Least Money can at all  
times be found at

LINN & SCRUGGS,

Agents Butterick's Patterns.

March 19—dw1f

WE are engaged in making such changes in the second floor rooms occupied by us that we will be able to devote ONE WHOLE FLOOR to the display of an unequaled line of

Wood, Iron and Slate Mantels

together with an endless line of trimmings for same, such as Brass, Bronze, Nickled, Fancy and Plain Iron Frames and Fenders, Baskets in every shape and finish, Fancy Iron Fire Backs, Spark Arresters, Blowers, Andirons, Fire Sets, &c., &c.



